selecting an option of complete third order nodes of an arc having a center describing at least one member selected from the group consisting of: an innovation, an emerging trend, a new policy and a new product;

determining whether there is at least one positive and at least one negative second order implications; ~~and~~

precluding presentation of third order nodes until at least one positive and at least one negative second order implications are present; and

predicting events causally connected to the center.

2) (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

determining if the arc was assigned for completion;

determining whether second order implication stage is complete if the arc was assigned for completion; and

displaying the entire arc only when the second order implication stage is complete.

3) (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

selecting an option of complete third order nodes;

determining whether there is at least one positive and at least one negative second order implications; and

presenting third order nodes only when there is at least one positive and at least one negative second order implication.

4) (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

determining if the arc was assigned for completion; and

directing the user to a completion interface when the arc was assigned for completion.

5) (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:

determining whether time was assigned: and

if time was assigned presenting options at the completion interface of open another arc, complete second order nodes, complete third order nodes, scoring from any assigned point of view, timing from one assigned point of view, return completed arc, and quit.

6) (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:

determining whether time was assigned: and

if time was not assigned presenting options of open another arc, complete second order nodes, complete third order nodes, scoring from any assigned point of view, return completed arc, and quit and precluding an option of timing from all assigned points of view.

7) (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining the status of the subscription;

if the subscription is valid presenting options of downloading assigned arcs, selecting to update the subscription to the status stored on the server side, and selecting a center;

if the subscription is expired presenting options of selecting to update the subscription to the status stored on the server side, and selecting a center and precluding downloading of assigned arcs; and

if the subscription is not registered, presenting the option of selecting to update the subscription to the status stored on the server side until receipt of a communication of a valid subscription from the server side and precluding downloading of assigned arcs and selection of a center.

8) (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

selecting a center; and

displaying arcs assigned from a selected center after selection of the center.

9) (Amended) A method of transforming of data representing quantifiable discrete series of consequences of action through a series of calculations into a determination as to application of business assets ~~investigating~~, comprising the steps of:

selecting one member of the group consisting of complete second order nodes and complete third order nodes of an arc having a center describing at

least one member selected from the group consisting of: an innovation, an emerging trend, a new policy and a new product;

delaying for a period of time to allow a user to think about implications;

maintaining a clock for a period of time measuring delay between user input; ~~and~~

displaying a reminder to the user to provide input if a predetermined amount of time has passed from the last receipt of input; and

predicting events causally connected to the center.

10) (Amended) A method of transforming of data representing quantifiable discrete series of consequences of action through a series of calculations into a determination as to application of business assets ~~investigating~~, comprising the steps of:

determining if scoring was assigned on an arc having a center describing at least one member selected from the group consisting of: an innovation, an emerging trend, a new policy and a new product; ~~and~~

disabling editability of implication text if only scoring was assigned; and

predicting events causally connected to the center.

11) (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

permitting scoring of an arc only when scoring is assigned.

12) (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

directing a user to a scoring interface if scoring was assigned.

13) (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of:

displaying desirability buttons and likelihood buttons when scoring.

14) (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of displaying a minority report button.

15) (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:

displaying a minority report interface when the minority report button is clicked.

16) (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of:

verifying that the minority report interface is fully prepared prior to accepting any data contained in the report; and

precluding acceptance of an incomplete minority report.

17) (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

determining whether time was assigned at a scoring interface;

displaying options of open another arc, quit, score from all assigned points of view and return completed arc; and

precluding an option of time from assigned all point of view if time was not assigned.

18) (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

determining whether time was assigned at a scoring interface;

displaying options of open another arc, quit, score from all assigned points of view, time from all assigned points of view, and return completed.